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Premier taking  
'legendary' skills  
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**BASKETBALL** Darrell Dexter will take the next step in his burgeoning basketball career this weekend.

The Nova Scotia premier/longtime baller is playing in the Legends of Basketball game Saturday as part of the Premier Basketball League all-star weekend at the Halifax Metro Centre. Tip-off is 5 p.m.

Dexter's illustrious career includes at least two basketball-related fundraiser events with the Halifax Rainmen and about one minute of playing time as the "13th man" on the Rainmen. He scored zero points.

"I think categorizing me as a legend may be a bit of an overstatement," Dexter said this week.

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# Disagreement OK: Oda



International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda fields questions at a media session yesterday in Halifax. The Harper government says it won't fund abortion as part of its G8 child- and maternal-health plan for poor countries. That sets up a potential conflict with the U.S. and other G8 partners, who say abortion can't be separated from family planning.

Officials say differing abortion stances are not hurting relations

**Canada's international co-operation minister insisted yesterday the country is not at odds with its G8 partners over funding for abortion in the developing world despite a difference of opinion with the United States.**

Bev Oda stepped out of day-long meetings with her international colleagues to stress that she and her American counterpart did not disagree on their approaches to improving maternal and child health.

"I want to assure you that Canada is listening as to the importance of family planning, the impact family planning can have in improving the health of mothers and children," she said at a brief news conference in Halifax, with her U.S. colleague at her side.

"We do not disagree on the definition of family planning that the international community uses."

Rajiv Shah, the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, also claimed the two countries are not at loggerheads over their differing approaches to maternal health.



Rajiv Shah

### Rebuke

• Canada's stance on abortion provoked a sharp rebuke from the opposition parties in Ottawa and from international aid agencies, who said it is irresponsible to deny the service to women in impoverished countries.

The Obama administration has said it supports a woman's right to safe abortions in developing countries. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last month that a maternal health initiative must include the provision of safe, legal abortions.

Canada clarified its position this week when it said it won't support funding for abortions in the developing world as part of a family-planning initiative it's making a key agenda item for a meeting of G8 leaders in June in Huntsville, Ont.

When asked yesterday if the conflicting positions put the two countries at odds, Shah responded with: "No, absolutely not."

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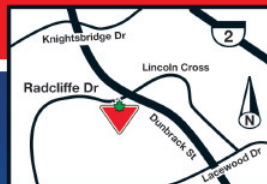
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## Tour for the Cure returning to HRM

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Tour for the Cure is on the road again and returning to HRM for several stops, starting on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the IWK Health Centre. The pink bus has information on breast health and breast cancer screening and will make stops in areas like Dartmouth, Hammonds Plains, Bedford, Clayton Park, Cherry Brook and North Preston. For a complete list of stops, visit [tourforthecure.ca](http://tourforthecure.ca). METRO HALIFAX

## Bell-Aliant, union reach tentative deal

**LABOUR** Bell Aliant announced yesterday it has reached a tentative contract agreement with the union representing almost 3,000 of its employees in Atlantic Canada.

Details of the agreement with the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Atlantic Communications Council were being withheld pending ratification.

The company said the ratification by CEPACC members will begin May 3 and conclude June 3.

If ratified, the new agreement will replace the current agreement originally set to expire Dec. 31, 2011. The new pact would remain in effect until Dec. 31, 2014.

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## News in brief

**LURING** A Cape Breton man has been charged with Internet luring. The 57-year-old from Sydney Forks was arrested Monday night. He was charged with luring a child under the age of 16 by computer for a sexual purpose. The child in question was actually an undercover police officer. Cape Breton Regional Police say the accused was released from custody and is expected to appear in court at a later date.

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## Halifax Citadel Sneak peek for cruise visitors



Members of the 78th Highlander go through a right-in-file marching drill yesterday at the Halifax Citadel. The National Historic Site of Canada opened its full-programming season for one day yesterday — and will do so again Friday — for visitors from early spring cruise ships that are in port. The official opening for the Citadel is May 7.

## Police probe drive-by shooting

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**CRIME** Police are investigating an early week drive-by shooting in Spryfield.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said the incident took place early Sunday morning near the 800 block of Herring Cove Road. It wasn't until early yesterday police learned of the shooting, with Palmeter stating the complaint was received "third-hand."

"Three females were in the car at the time we believe the vehicle was shot at," he said. "We believe the car was shot at three times. It could be more but

**"Three females were in the car at the time we believe the vehicle was shot at."**

HRM Const. Brian Palmeter

we found what we believe to be three separate holes in the vehicle."

The car was looked over by investigators yesterday and seized once police determined the holes were likely from bullets.

Palmeter said he believed the females in the car shot at were all teenagers. He also said police haven't been able to

speak with the owners of the vehicle or the person driving it.

Police say the females were travelling outbound on Herring Cove Road around 1 a.m. on Sunday when a light-coloured SUV appeared to be following them. The victims turned their car around and a short time later heard something hit the vehicle.

Police say they were unsure what it was and continued home.

Once at home, police say the females examined the vehicle and saw several holes.

Police are also looking to talk to the occupants of the SUV as they continue the investigation.

## City council backs gardens

### HRM staff taking steps to promote community plots

**ALEX BOUTILIER**  
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**Halifax regional council unanimously agreed last night that community gardens are a good thing.**

Community Relations and Cultural Affairs spokesman Lee Moore presented a report to council concerning steps taken by staff in order to promote community gardening in HRM. The report was initially delivered to council in October 2009, but Connaught-Quinpool Coun. Jennifer Watts added it to last night's agenda as gardening season approaches.

"(The report) was sort of buried in the back of a long council session (in October)," said Watts. "It seemed like a good opportunity, just as we're getting back into gardening season ... to give that a bit of a profile, have staff offer an opportunity to present that to council and to have some discussion about it."

Watts said city staff have been working to establish a clear and uniform system to handle requests for new community gardens, and to use more HRM land for that purpose.

"There's a greater co-ordination that has happened over the last three or four months of many different departments looking at how to support (community gardens),"



Jennifer Watts

said Watts. "I think it's a more transparent process, and more accessible."

A community garden is defined in the report as any public land where a non-profit society operates a small-scale garden of fruit, vegetables, flowers or herbs. The report states operational procedures must strive to increase opportunities to beautify neighbourhoods, provide access to community gardens for interested citizens and encourage sustainability.

Watts said some existing members of community gardens may be turned off by the stricter structure, but is confident the city's initiatives will be good for community gardens.

"I think that staff are quite committed to seeing this happen and are willing to work with groups to help them work through this process," said Watts.



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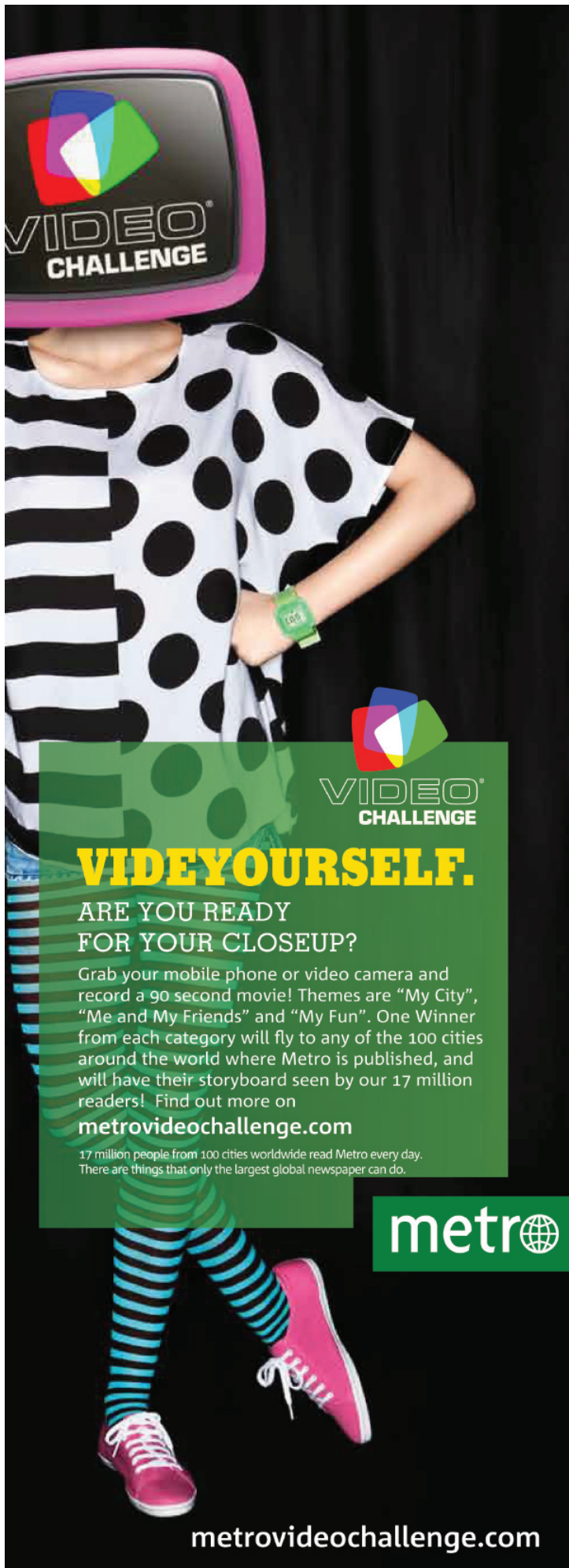


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Paul MacIsaac, senior vice-president of the Halifax Port Authority, holds a sign promoting the Canadian Naval Centennial by the community-driven group Glorious & Free yesterday at Halifax City Hall.

## Group spreads word on navy's 'big day'

Naval centennial May 4 with events all summer

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**A locally community-driven group is helping get the message out about this year's Canadian Naval Centennial.**

Titled Glorious & Free, the awareness campaign launched yesterday at Halifax City Hall is designed to promote the centennial and the many events taking place in Halifax.

The group behind Glorious & Free is volunteer based and was developed through the Community Leadership Advisory Council, which was established in 2007 to advise, assist and provide recommendations to the Navy on community engagement and the role it plays in the community.

The Glorious & Free campaign is calling on HRM businesses to get on board

### 100 years

- A complete list of Canadian Naval Centennial activities is available at [canadian-navy100.forces.gc.ca](http://canadian-navy100.forces.gc.ca)

and make the centennial even more known around the municipality — through things like company emails to staff, word of mouth or a corporate newsletter.

"We felt it was important to bring the centennial to the people and the people to the centennial," said Kim West, who helped bring the Glorious & Free campaign to life.

The grass-roots campaign is music to the ears for the navy, especially those in charge of putting together the more than a dozen events for Halifax from now to early September.

"Galvanizing this amount of community support is

tremendous. We couldn't ask for anything better," said Capt. (Navy) Craig Walkington, the Maritime Forces Atlantic, Canadian Naval Centennial co-ordinator.

While a few events have taken place, the first-big celebration is next Tuesday on the exact date of the navy's official 100th birthday — May 4. The celebration will feature several events, including 1,000 navy personnel marching to Halifax City Hall for the Freedom of the City Parade and a proclamation of May 4 as Navy Centennial Day by Mayor Peter Kelly.

"It's a very big day for us — obviously because you only have one centennial in your life," Walkington said. "The city of Halifax and the navy are so closely bonded that we know the citizens of Halifax will also recognize that this is a very big day for us."

### News in brief

**CANSO** The town of Canso is again reconsidering its status as a separate municipality. Town councillors have voted to ask the province's utility and review board to start the process of dissolution. The decision was taken after residents learned they would be paying 50 per cent more in property taxes under the town's new budget. The vote comes only a month after councillors agreed to rescind a similar motion. Mayor Frank Fraser was the only one who voted against the latest motion.

**CHARGES** Two men from Yarmouth County are facing drug charges after the RCMP stopped a vehicle travelling on Highway 101 last week. David Benjamin, 34, and Jasmine Blauvelt, 26, are facing charges of possession of cocaine, ecstasy and psilocybin (a.k.a magic mushrooms) for the purpose of trafficking. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## MSVU names Lumpkin as new president

**EDUCATION** Mount Saint Vincent University has named Dr. Ramona Lumpkin as its new president and vice-chancellor.

Lumpkin will take over from interim president and former federal NDP leader Dr. Alexa MacDonough on Oct. 1.

"Exciting things are happening at the Mount," said MacDonough in a release yesterday. "And ... the Mount community will be well served by her (Dr. Lumpkin's) energy, passion, and skills."

Lumpkin has been serving as principal of Huron University College, a liberal arts institution affiliated with the University of West-

ern Ontario, since 2001. Prior to that, Lumpkin served as vice-president academic and provost of Royal Roads University in Victoria, B.C.

Lumpkin holds a PhD in English literature from the University of Kentucky and is a former Fulbright Scholar to England.

"(MSVU) has a reputation for academic excellence and a commitment to the advancement of women and these are two of my passions," Lumpkin said in a release. "I am delighted to be moving to Nova Scotia and becoming part of the Mount community."

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**Amherst hikes commercial property tax, holds residential rates**

Amherst is holding the line on residential property taxes while increasing commercial rates to continue offsetting the loss of the business occupancy tax. The residential tax rate will remain at \$1.67 per \$100 taxable assessment while the commercial rates increase by 29 cents to \$4.60 per \$100 taxable assessment. **AMHERST DAILY NEWS**

# Dexter under fire for board picks

## Opposition slams appointment of unionists to economic council

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**Opposition parties are up in arms after three controversial union members were appointed to a premier's advisory board.**

Of the 19 appointments from business, labour and volunteer sectors on the Premier's Council on the Economy, the one that raised the most eyebrows was Cordell Cole.

Cole was head of the Mainland Building and Construction Trades Council when it funnelled \$45,000 in illegal donations to the NDP last year.

The money was returned by the party, who said they had no idea the donations skirted election laws.

The union was spared a police investigation when the statute of limitations on charges ran out.

While the advisory board is unpaid, opposition leaders said Cole should not be placed in a position to influence government policy.

"There are some good people on that council, but to appoint someone who during the election campaign was trying to get around election rules is an insult to Nova Sco-



**"People weren't picked because of their political affiliation. They were picked because of what they can provide to the economic council."**

Premier Darrell Dexter

tians," said Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil.

For good measure, the Liberals circulated a 2008 letter from Dexter to Cole where the now-premier addresses the union leader as "Brother Cole" and signs it "In solidarity."

The opposition also argued NSGEU president Joan Jessome and CUPE president Danny Ca-

vanagh should not have been put on an economic advisory board because, in retaliation to the Canadian Federation for Independent Business urging government to cut jobs, they called for a boycott against the CFIB.

Premier Darrell Dexter said the council encompasses a broad base of groups, which qualifies

Cole.

"People weren't picked because of their political affiliation. They were picked because of what they can provide to the economic council," said Dexter.

"These people are giving up their time freely to come in to provide advice ... for the purposes of helping us build the economy. I'm very thankful for all of them."

Dexter wouldn't comment on the union/CFIB spat but criticized McNeil for having an anti-union bias and portraying unions "in the worst possible light."

## Bill limiting election ads hinges on premier

**FUNDING** The Liberals made another attempt at revamping third-party political advertising yesterday, but it doesn't appear to be going anywhere.

As he did last fall, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil introduced a bill that would limit private individuals or groups from advertising during an election campaign.

Groups would have to register and be limited to \$3,500 per district or \$25,000 of advertising overall. Those funds would be put towards total allowable party expenses.

The bill has no chance of being passed unless Darrell Dexter has a change of heart. The premier said yesterday he doesn't believe McNeil's bill would be legal under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"They've introduced that one before. I think it's just problematic because it has in it things which I just don't think we're capable of controlling," said Dexter.

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## Liberals attack secrecy in government appointments

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**POLITICS** A system of secrecy surrounding government appointments may soon be opened up to public scrutiny.

The issue was raised again yesterday when the government appointed Sherry Porter as head of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation.

Porter is currently board chair of the QEII Foundation and has held high-ranking posts at Sobeys, the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores and Symphony Nova Scotia.

Liberals didn't question Porter's qualifications, but they did attack the appointment system.

Currently the government only reveals the winner of a certain job. The applicants who are looked over are never made public.

Liberal MLA Michel Samson said the system needs

to be opened up to prove the most-qualified candidates are landing jobs, and he quoted now-Finance Minister Graham Steele agreeing with him in 2002.

"There were no published qualifications, no interviews, no public information about the qualifications of the 77 unlucky candidates, so how do we know we got the people best able to run a \$374 million per year liquor corporation," went the quote from Steele as read by Samson in the legislature.

Last fall the NDP said they couldn't reveal the candidates because the rules wouldn't allow it. Yesterday Premier Darrell Dexter said the NDP are now looking at changing the rules.

Dexter said heavy workload, including reforming the political expensing system after the expense scandal, had kept the government from being able to make changes sooner.

## City hall Dramatic demonstration



Members of the Feminist League for Agitation Propaganda stage a demonstration supporting access to abortion outside city hall yesterday as G8 development ministers meet at Pier 21 in Halifax.

## News in brief

**EDUCATION** Nova Scotia is introducing legislation that will require a review whenever school boards propose a school closure. A study committee would be set up to review a report on the school's closure. There must also be at least one public meeting to discuss the review. Conservative Leader Karen Casey says the amendment isn't really needed as it is already common practice. However, Education Minister Marilyn More says that she wants to ensure that in all instances reviews are done and public meetings held when schools are closed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A proposal to allow backyard chicken farming isn't taking flight in London, Ont. The idea is getting plenty of support from homegrown food groups, but not from members of London's Environment and Transportation Committee. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canada



## Harper eyes elected Senate again

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is taking his third stab in four years at bringing democracy to Canada's unelected Senate. The new bill, introduced yesterday in the Senate, sets out a voluntary framework for provinces to begin electing Senate nominees. Harper would retain his power to appoint senators but is committing to consider the names of nominees selected in provinces that choose to hold elections.

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## Youth dangerously inactive, says report

Canada has created a nation of baby couch potatoes, where more than half of preschoolers are dangerously inactive, according to an annual report card on physical activity.

Children between ages 1 and 5 need at least two hours of exercise each day, whether it's exploring the playground, playing games or walking to the grocery store, says the 2010 report card from Active Healthy Kids Canada, released yesterday. But less than half are getting the daily movement they need for healthy growth and development, putting them at risk for obesity and other health problems and on a slow-motion trajectory before they've finished kindergarten.

### Couch potatoes

• In 1971, the average age kids started watching television was 4; today it's 5 months, even though groups like the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend no TV before age 2. Last week four of the best-selling educational apps at the Canadian iTunes store were for children under 4.

"Active play may be fun, but it's not frivolous," says Mark Tremblay, chief scientific officer of the research and advocacy organization. "Kids have a biological need to move."

When they are plunked in front of the TV or strapped into strollers for the sake of convenience,

"there are measurable cognitive, social, emotional and physical consequences," he added. "We're messing with Mother Nature."

Many parents assume that because toddlers and preschoolers appear to be in perpetual motion, they're getting enough exercise.

But while chasing, jumping and climbing used to be a way of life for young children, research shows that modern lifestyles are conditioning them out of their instinct to move around. National data shows 15 per cent of Canadian kids ages 2 to 5 are overweight and 6.3 per cent are obese, making them more likely to become overweight.

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## Ottawa Wireless danger?



Electrical teacher Francois Therrien, an advocate with a group called Save our Children from Microwaves, holds a microwave detector as he speaks with the media about the dangers of wireless on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, yesterday. A committee of MPs heard conflicting evidence on the safety of cellphones and other wireless technology.

## Law-and-order plan to cost big money

**BUDGET** A price tag for part of the Conservatives' law-and-order agenda is about to be made public — and the number is in the billions, far higher than any previous estimates.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer forecasts the cost of implementing just one of the Tories' many tough-on-crime bills is between \$7 billion and \$10 billion over the next five years.

Kevin Page's complex investigation into the budget

implications of the so-called "Truth in Sentencing" legislation — also known as the two-for-one sentencing law — is expected to be made public early next week.

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### News in brief

**OILSANDS** Win or lose, executives of oilsands giant Syncrude will not face jail time for the deaths of 1,600 ducks on one of their oilsands tailings ponds.

**POLITICS** The Harper government has lost an epic battle that pitted its right to keep national-security secrets against Parliament's right to know. The Speaker of the Commons ruled yesterday that the government's refusal to hand over uncensored documents on Afghan detainees violates the privilege of the House.

**JOURNALISM** The Ontario Press Council has dismissed a complaint against the Hamilton Spectator over an editorial that a reader described as a "racist rant."

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**Funding crab fisheries would violate agreements: Minister**

Newfoundland and Labrador's fisheries minister says money for crab fishery would violate free trade. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Wild West tops in knife crime: StatsCan

**The western provinces led the country in 2008 for robberies and crimes involving knives, Statistics Canada reported yesterday.**

It's the latest study showing higher rates for a variety of crimes occur west of the Ontario-Manitoba boundary.

"The highest rates of police-reported robbery are in Western Canada, particularly Manitoba, similar to the trend for violent crime in general," the report says.

The Statistics Canada report says most robberies did not involve any weapons, but more than eight per cent in Manitoba involved knives. Alberta

## Stats

- Manitoba recorded 158 robberies per 100,000 people in 2008 — well ahead of second-place Saskatchewan at 128, British Columbia at 123 and Alberta at 105. All other provinces were below 100. Manitoba robbers were also more often armed with knives.

and Saskatchewan placed second and third respectively with just over seven per cent.

The robbery rate has been stable since 2002, with some 32,000 in 2008, the agency said.

However, the type of robbery has changed. Inci-

dents at public transit facilities have doubled since 1999, while commercial robberies — at banks, gas stations and corner stores — have plummeted.

"The decrease in the number of commercial robberies may be partly related to the increased use and sophistication of loss prevention and detection devices by business owners," the statistics agency said.

"A 2008 survey of Canadian retailers found that the use of closed-circuit monitoring systems, silent alarms as well as armoured car pickups and drop-offs increased from the year before."

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## Ellesmere Island Cold caravan



Defence Minister Peter MacKay and Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Walter Natynczyk lead a parade of Canadian Rangers and regular-force soldiers up the runway of this remote military post on the northern tip of Ellesmere Island at the close of Operation Nunavut, the latest military mission intended to reinforce Canada's control of the North.

## Two busted in corruption probe

**CRIME** A major probe into Quebec's construction industry has begun piling up a series of arrests, as authorities nabbed two more people yesterday for alleged municipal corruption. After a quiet start, the high-profile police probe nicknamed Operation Hammer has now yielded six arrests in recent days — including the ex-mayor of a Montreal borough. Police described the pair detained yesterday as businessmen involved in construction. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## No big changes in sex ed rethink: Grit

**POLITICS** The Liberal government's promised rethink of Ontario's proposed new sex education curriculum for elementary school children may not result in any significant changes, Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky suggested yesterday.

Premier Dalton McGuinty last week did an about face on the new curriculum, admitting the government should have done more to consult parents

and withdrawing the policy after two days of negative feedback.

Both Dombrowsky and McGuinty promise parents will be consulted on a new sex ed curriculum, but the education minister acknowledged a lot of the ideas could go forward as originally proposed. The minister wouldn't say what specific aspects of the new curriculum were of concern to parents.

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The only man to admit shooting Malcolm X was freed on parole yesterday. Thomas Hagan, the last man still serving time in the 1965 assassination, was freed from a Manhattan prison where he spent two days a week under a work-release program, a New York state Department of Correctional Services spokeswoman said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Only admitted Malcolm X shooter freed from prison**

# World



## Korean woman on top of the world

A South Korean became the first woman to scale the world's 14 highest mountains yesterday. Oh Eun-sun, 44, arrived at the final, steep stretch of Annapurna in the Himalayas 13 hours after she left the last camp to beat a Spanish rival to the record. Officials said Annapurna was the last of the 14 peaks above 8,000 metres Oh, left, needed to climb to set the mark. She reached the summit — 8,091 metres above sea level — 13 years after she scaled her first Himalayan mountain, Gasherbrum II, in 1997. She scaled Everest in 2004. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Senators want an about Face ... book

**Four U.S. senators want Facebook to make it easier for its more than 400 million users to protect their privacy as the web-site develops new outlets to share personal information.**

The call for simpler privacy controls came in a letter that the senators planned to send yesterday to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. The Associated Press obtained a draft of the letter



signed by Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat; Sen. Michael Bennet, a Colorado Democrat; Sen. Mark Begich, Alaska Democrat; and Sen. Al Franken, a Minnesota Democrat.

It marked the second time in three days that Schumer has expressed his misgivings about a series of changes that Facebook announced last week. The new features are designed to unlock more of the data

### Facebook threat

A public prosecutor says a threat against Serbia's pro-democracy president that was posted on Facebook must be taken seriously. A previously unknown group posted the threat against President Boris Tadic saying, "Tadic, a bullet-proof Mercedes won't help you. When you open the door, a sniper awaits you."

that the online hangout has accumulated about people during its six-year history.

In a written response to Schumer, Facebook vice-president Elliot Schrage said yesterday that the company welcomes "a continued dialogue with you and others because we agree that scrutiny over the handling of personal data is needed as Internet users seek a more social and interactive experience."

He echoed earlier statements that Facebook's aims to give users more control, not less. Privacy advocates have disagreed, saying the company now expects users to share things publicly that they previously could restrict to a select group of online friends.

Among other things, Facebook is plugging into other websites so people can communicate their interests with their online entourage. Facebook also tweaked its own website to create more pages where people's biographical information could be exposed to a wider audience.

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The rise of Nick Clegg presents U.K. with a problem familiar to Canadian voters.

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## Ukraine Chaos in parliament



Ukrainian lawmakers fight against each other during ratification of the Black Sea Fleet deal with Russia, in Kiev, yesterday. Ukraine's parliament voted to extend Russia's lease of a Crimean naval port in a chaotic session during which eggs and smoke bombs were thrown.

## News in brief

**SCOTLAND** Newly released documents show that during the 1930s, police were convinced some sort of creature inhabited Loch Ness — so sure, in fact, that they worried about how to protect it from big-game hunters. The files show that of-

ficials asked U.K. parliament to investigate and confirm the monster's existence.

**WEST BANK** Watching her blind aunt and uncle struggle to navigate, one Palestinian girl decided to reinvent the stick. Armed with spare parts,

Asil Abu Lil and two classmates patched together an obstacle-detecting cane that has won them a trip to California for Intel's youth science fair. The girls are the first Palestinians to participate in the event.

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## Wal-Mart lawsuit to go to trial

**SAN FRANCISCO** A sharply divided U.S. federal appeals court on Monday exposed Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to billions of dollars in legal damages when it ruled a massive class-action lawsuit alleging gender discrimination over pay for female workers can go to trial. In its 6-5 ruling, the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said the world's largest private employer will have to face charges that it pays women less than men for the same jobs and that female employees receive fewer promotions and have to wait longer for those promotions than male counterparts.

The retailer has fiercely fought the lawsuit since it was first filed by six women in federal court in San Francisco in 2001 and said it would appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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## Two sides to each story

## TheWestView

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Unlike Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach, I've seen James Cameron's blockbuster movie *Avatar*. If you haven't seen it yet, I recommend it. It's science fantasy set 125 years in the future on a planet far, far away. Earthlings, hot for a metal called "unobtainium," colonize and then push around giant, blue indigenous people in order to obtain as much unobtainium as possible.

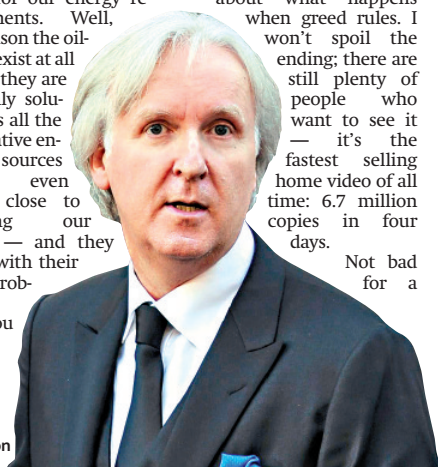
They make a mess of beautiful Pandora, much the way the oilsands are making a mess of northern Alberta. Struck by the parallels, George Poitras, an aboriginal leader from Alberta, invited Cameron to see the oilsands for himself. Not to be outdone, Stelmach ex-

tended his own invitation, hoping to co-opt the inevitable photo op featuring the Hollywood director rescuing ducks from tailing ponds.

Cameron is probably wondering what he got himself into. It's his own fault: He threw unobtainium on the fire by calling the oilsands a "black eye" on Canada's reputation, saying it's the "wrong solution" for our energy requirements. Well, the reason the oilsands exist at all is that they are the only solution, as all the alternative energy sources don't even come close to meeting our needs — and they come with their own problems.

If you don't think those

James  
Cameron



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are serious, you're not familiar with the giant stink in B.C., my home province, over hydroelectric power, generally viewed as clean energy when compared to petroleum.

*Avatar* is a cautionary tale about what happens when greed rules. I won't spoil the ending; there are still plenty of people who want to see it — it's the fastest selling home video of all time: 6.7 million copies in four days.

Not bad for a

retelling of the old Cowboys vs. Indians dusters we cut our teeth on, although this time, the Indians are the good guys.

But look, it's a fantasy. Here on Gaia, Cameron needs plenty of unobtainium to power his 8,272-square-foot mansion, dirt bikes, Ducatis, Ford GT, Corvettes, submersibles, etc. At one point, he owned a helicopter. He flew a private jet to protest the construction of a dam in Brazil. I'm not saying he's a hypocrite — but he lives in Malibu, for goodness sake — and is at the very least conflicted.

So, Ed Stelmach should rent Cameron's movie. He might look at the environment as something other than a necessary evil. And Cameron should visit Stelmach's oilsands and find out what makes his ginormous carbon footprint possible.

And then the two of them should get real.

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### SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE RULES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ON THE AFGHAN DETAINEE ISSUE:



## Worth mentioning

## EU panel votes to crack down on illegal medicines

The battle against counterfeit medicines took a big step forward yesterday when the European Parliament public health panel approved a bill to crack down on a fast growing industry worth \$14 billion US per year in Europe alone.

If it becomes law, drug makers must produce medicines

that can be tracked from the factory to the patient to make sure no one tampers with the content.

Bona fide drugs would get either an official EU logo or two-dimensional bar codes that can be scanned at pharmacies in any of the 27 EU countries.

Currently, pharmacists can't track medicines that are sold across national borders because each EU nation has its own system for verifying medicines. Supporters of the bill hope an EU logo would make it

easier to pick out counterfeit medicines, even if they are not sold in the same country where they are made.

Counterfeiters also sometimes buy medicines and refill the packages with fake drugs. By scanning a bar code, pharmacists would be alerted if the medicines had already been sold before, indicating they might be fake.

It is a growing business: In 2008 — the last year for which full data is available — EU nations seized 57 per cent more fake medicines than they did the year before. The World Health Organization says half of medicines bought on websites without physical addresses have the wrong dosage, the wrong ingredients or no ingredients at all.

The European Parliament will vote on the bill in July.

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### Word on the street: If you could fill the governor general position with any Canadian you wanted, who would it be?

Greg  
Lawson  
Halifax

A: Romeo Dallaire. He's done a lot for this country. I think he's very deserving.

Seanna  
Harkness  
Toronto

A: Mike Meyers. He's intelligent and compassionate, and he always sticks up for Canadians. Plus he's funny.

Barry  
Symbaluk  
Edmonton

A: I'll have to go with Don Cherry. I'd think he'd make a good governor general because he's pretty political. He's also really opinionated and definitely Canadian.

Rebecca  
Hall  
Ottawa

A: William Shatner because his ability to be the captain of a starship and be a beat poet is pretty impressive.

Tom  
Hazelton  
Vancouver

A: Rick Hansen is a good choice because of his inspiring background. I feel the rest of Canada doesn't know him well enough.

Stephanie  
Baird  
Calgary

A: Sidney Crosby. He seems like he has a good head on his shoulders.



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# Business

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## Dubai **Armani in the sky**



Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani, left, claps with Emaar Properties chairman Mohammed Al Abbar yesterday during a press conference at the opening of Armani Hotel in Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

## iPhone probe leads to police seizures

**TECH** Authorities seized computers, digital cameras, a cellphone and other items from a technology blog editor who posted pictures and details of a lost iPhone prototype.

A computer-crime task force made up of multiple law-enforcement agencies searched Gizmodo editor and blogger Jason Chen's house and car in Fremont, Calif., on Friday, according to a statement and search-warrant documents provided by Gizmodo.

The warrant, issued by a Superior Court judge in San Mateo County, said the devices may have been used to commit a felony.

Members of the Rapid Enforcement Allied Computer Team took several computers, hard drives, digital cameras, cellphones and other gadgets, plus Chen's American Express bill and copies of his checks.

Last week Gizmodo posted photos of an Apple device that appeared to be a next-generation iPhone. It had been found in a bar in Redwood City and sold for \$5,000 by an unknown person to Gizmodo, a gadget blog owned by Gawker Media Inc.

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## Consumers still cautious: Poll

**All the economic indicators have been pointing up, but Canadians have yet to fully buy into the economic recovery, a new survey suggests.**

The Conference Board of Canada's consumer confidence index fell a surprising and statistically significant 7.8 points this month to 84.8, the lowest it's been since December.

The gloomy finding comes as a U.S. survey found consumer confidence there rising, although the mood of Americans remained far more pessimistic in comparison with Canadians.

"It's a little bit disconcerting when we've had a lot of positive news of late," said Todd Crawford,

an economist with the Ottawa-based think-tank.

While employment has been trending up, Canadians may be disappointed with the pace of job creation, Crawford said, adding that they may also have been influenced by expectations that the Bank of Canada plans to start raising interest rates.

Canada's chartered banks have already stepped ahead of the curve with a string of rate hikes that have added about one per cent to the fixed rate on longer-term mortgages. The Royal Bank and TD Bank edged rates up slightly again Monday by 0.15 per cent.

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### Loonie dives

• Canada's dollar plunged more than a cent and a half yesterday after traders turned to the U.S. dollar as fears grew about a worsening European debt crisis.

## Ford bounces back from 2009

**FORD** Ford Motor Co. said yesterday it earned \$2.1 billion U.S. in the first quarter, another sign the economy is improving as people spend more on big-ticket items like cars. The automaker expects to be solidly profitable this year, a year earlier than its previous guidance.

Ford said its net income per share was 50 cents for the quarter. That's an about-face from the same period last year when it lost \$1.4 billion, or 60 cents per share, at the height of the recession. It was Ford's fourth straight positive quarter and its highest quarterly profit in six years.

Ford, the only Detroit-area automaker to shun government aid and stay out of bankruptcy protection last year, gained market share from crosstown rivals General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC.

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## Goldman Sachs officials grilled

**SENATE** Top Goldman Sachs officials defended their conduct in the financial crisis before a Senate panel yesterday, flatly disputing the U.S. government's fraud allegations against the giant financial house.

But they ran into a wall of bipartisan wrath before a Senate panel investigating Goldman's role in the financial crisis

and the Securities and Exchange Commission fraud suit against it and one of its traders.

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**\$8 million for University of Guelph Barcode of Life Project**

The Ontario government announced last week an \$8.1-million investment in the University of Guelph-based International Barcode of Life project, the largest biodiversity genomics project in the world. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Workology

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## Retaining international students

This week the Ontario government announced it intends to introduce amendments to the Post-Secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act that would, if passed, allow the province to better protect students and safeguard the quality of higher education in Ontario. The amendments would strengthen the government's ability to shut down unauthorized education organizations and prevent them for taking advantage of foreign and Ontario students. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# How the top employers do it

After naming the best places to work in Canada, Great Places to Work tells us why

JON TATTRE  
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**A new poll reveals the top places to work in Canada, but do Coldplay concerts and tree-planting days really boost a company's bottom line?**

Jen Wetherow is the director of Great Place to Work Canada. She says the company's list measures credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie.

"When you work with your people in a way that makes your employees happier, you end up with happier clients and stakeholders," she says.

Anyone can nominate a firm and GPTW then in-



**"Leaders have to lead to set directions, values and priorities, but then everyone on the team has to contribute."**

Environics President  
Bruce MacLellan

vites the workplaces to participate. A private survey is then sent to employees. The answers to this "trust index" account for two-thirds of a company's score. The other third



One of the things that earned Environics the top spot on Great Place to Work Canada's list, was taking staff to Coldplay concerts.

comes a GPTW "culture audit" of the company's HR policies on things like maternity leave and same-sex partner rights.

Bruce MacLellan is presi-

dent of Environics, which came in first this year. The public relations firm is known for taking staff to Coldplay concerts and the "mandatory" vacations it

pays for when staff reach milestone years.

He says getting poster slogans off the walls and into real life takes work. He likens it to building a

hockey team over several years.

"Leaders have to lead to set directions, values and priorities, but then everyone on the team has to contribute," he says. When MacLellan leaves early for family reasons, he lets his staff know, thereby setting the tone for a healthy work-life balance. Environics had a mini baby boom last year, creating overlapping maternity leaves that were hard to handle. It responded by improving its flex hours and guaranteeing staff a daycare spot.

"If we see people here past 6 o'clock for more than a couple of nights in a row, we see that as a problem," MacLellan says.

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About 200 people crammed into the Truro Curling Club after Truro police and fire services paraded Colleen Pinkney's team through town to celebrate the world senior women's curling championship they captured in Chelyabinsk, Russia, on the weekend. "This makes me feel absolutely fantastic," Pinkney said of the festivities. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

# Sports

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## Q final set to alternate cities for each game

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**QMJHL** The QMJHL has avoided a potentially embarrassing scheduling situation in the President Cup final.

The league released yesterday its schedule for the all-New Brunswick best-of-seven clash between the Moncton Wildcats and Saint John Sea Dogs, promptly quelling concerns the Wildcats would be forced to play home games outside the city.

To handle scheduling conflicts at Moncton Coliseum, the league ditched the traditional 2-2-1-1-1 series format. Instead, the se-

ries will alternate cities each game.

The series starts Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Harbour Station in Saint John before moving to Moncton Coliseum for Game 2 on Sunday at 4 p.m. Game 3 is Tuesday at 7 p.m. back in Saint John.

As reported in last month, the Wildcats consider the Metro Centre in Halifax one of their top backup options should they run into scheduling conflicts in the post-season.

The series pits the first-place Sea Dogs (53-12-1-2) against the third-place Wildcats (48-14-2-4) in the first-ever meeting of Maritime teams in the QMJHL final.



## Sports in brief

**NCAA HOCKEY** Cole Harbour's Blake Gallagher won team awards at the Cornell Big Red season-ending men's hockey banquet. The senior forward picked up the Mark Weiss Award for determination and passion and the Ironman Award for determination in overcoming injuries.

**WATER POLO** The Canadian 18-and-under water polo club championship will be held at Dalplex starting tomorrow. Fourteen teams from across the country will compete in four divisions, with action concluding on Sunday.

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## Fights down, defence up

Former Herd D-man Metcalfe playing disciplined style for Moncton

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**Spencer Metcalfe's well-worn knuckles have gotten a much-needed rest.**

Metcalfe, who started the season with the Halifax Mooseheads and led the QMJHL with 18 fighting majors in the regular season, has kept his gloves on for the entire post-season while helping his new club, the Moncton Wildcats, win three playoff rounds and advance to the QMJHL final.

He has assumed a third-pairing role with the Wildcats, focusing on his defensive game and playing physical.

"Coach doesn't want me to go out there and try and do anything crazy," said Metcalfe, who was dealt by the Mooseheads to the Wildcats for a seventh-round draft choice in January.

"I'm not going to go out and fight when I can be out there playing solid defensively. The coaches have been happy with the discipline I've had all playoffs so it's been going well. Just being able to play is great, too."

The Oakville, Ont., native has been the Wildcats' most physical defenceman



Moncton Wildcats defenceman Spencer Metcalfe hasn't fought once in the QMJHL playoffs after leading the league in fighting majors in the regular season.

statistically with 17 hits while recording two assists and a plus-3 rating in 13 games.

Since he's not fighting anymore, the six-foot 196-pounder has used hitting to intimidate opponents.

"I've had a couple of big

hits and they've changed momentum of the game," he said. "The guys love it, the fans love it, and it's one of my assets. I'm trying to bring it as much as I can in the playoffs."

Although he called being traded a "shock," he's cer-

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Spencer Metcalfe

tainly not complaining about playing hockey into May when he would have been ready for golf in March had he stayed with the last-place Mooseheads.

Metcalfe was one of a half-dozen acquisitions of Wildcats head coach and general manager Danny Flynn at the trade deadline, arriving with bigger-name talents such as Nicolas Deschamps, Kelsey Tessier and Gabriel Bourque.

Too many new faces can often cause more harm than good, but that clearly hasn't been the case for the Wildcats.

"Everyone has bonded nicely," Metcalfe said.

"It's one of the best core groups of guys I've been with. We all get along, and it's been a big part of our success."

## Trio of Rainmen enter slam-dunk competition

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**PBL** On several occasions this year, Jevohn Shepherd has left Halifax Rainmen fans awe-struck after his gravity-defying dunks.

The six-foot-five small forward will get one more chance to bring the roof down when he participates in the slam-dunk contest on Saturday at the Metro Centre as part of the Premier Basketball League's all-star weekend.

Shepherd, who is not an all-star, has been granted access to the contest and will be joined by teammates Eric Crookshank, a six-foot-eight power forward, and Gary Ervin, a six-foot point guard who is a surprise entry.



Halifax Rainmen small forward Jevohn Shepherd isn't a PBL all-star, but he will participate in Saturday's slam-dunk contest.

Participants from other teams have yet to be announced for the 7:15 p.m. contest.

Shepherd, a Toronto native who spent four years in the NCAA with the Michigan Wolverines, averaged 8.1 points in 12 games this season.

Crookshank, Ervin, small

forward Desmond Ferguson and Eric Gilchrese are the Rainmen's all-stars. Gilchrese, an injury replacement for teammate Tony Bennett, and Ferguson will compete in Saturday's 6:30 p.m. three-point contest.

The all-star game is Sunday at 3 p.m.

## Cavalry crowned as new PBL champs

**BASKETBALL** The Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry have dethroned the Rochester RazorSharks as Premier Basketball League champions.

The Cavalry ended the RazorSharks' bid for a third consecutive PBL title last night in Oklahoma, winning 126-108 in the third-and-deciding game of the best-of-three final.

Elvin Mims' 26 points led six double-figure scorers for the Cavalry, which advanced to the final with a two-game semifinal sweep of the Halifax Rainmen. Eddie Smith added 23 and Brandon Dean 19.

Derek Hollyfield was the RazorSharks' top scorer with 24 points.

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# Savard given OK to play

Marc Savard has been cleared to play and will be available for the Boston Bruins' second-round playoff series against Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli made the announcement yesterday, saying Savard was tested the previous day and got the OK to return to the ice. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# Canadiens looking to Halak for another big game

**At a team skate before Game 5 of their playoff series in Washington last week, Montreal Canadiens Mike Cammalleri and Andrei Markov decided they'd have some fun with goaltender Jaroslav Halak.**

"It was a drill where the defenceman shoots and if there's a rebound you play it," Cammalleri said yesterday. "But we were playing the rebound, then passing back door for the open net, which is kind of not fair."



Jaroslav Halak

"In a game, you're never going to have that much time. As he was getting more angry, me and Marky were doing it more and more. Ah sucker! You know? He ended up playing great. So see? You can do whatever. He's not a guy you're afraid to talk to or whatever."

"If you do that to some goalies, they'll go right out of their net, into the locker room and they won't talk to you for two days."

Halak went out that night and made 37 saves in a 2-1 victory that kept Montreal alive in a series the high-scoring Capitals had hitherto dominated.

Then he came back to Montreal and produced his masterpiece, a 53-save gem

to lead the Canadiens to a 4-1 victory and even the best-of-seven NHL Eastern Conference series at three wins apiece. That set up a decisive Game 7 in Washington tonight.

Few people gave the eighth-seeded Canadiens

any chance of beating the first-place overall Capitals. But the prospect of a winner-take-all seventh game had Canadiens fans for the first time since the playoffs started flying team flags and tooting horns in the street after the game.

A debate emerged on where Halak's performance stood in Canadiens history, with Ken Dryden's heroics as a rookie in the 1971 post-season against Chicago and Patrick Roy's overtime brilliance in 1986 against the New York

Rangers as leading comparisons.

Halak will likely need another big game to get Montreal into the second round against a team whose shooters look increasingly desperate and frustrated.

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## Sports in brief

**NBA** Ray Allen scored 24 points, making five three-pointers in the second half, to help the Boston Celtics beat the Miami Heat 96-86 in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series last night and eliminate the Heat.

**MLB** Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Shaun Marcum did everything he could to earn his first win in two years, but was let down by a struggling bullpen, which wasted his effort in a 2-1 loss at home to the Boston Red Sox last night. Marcum pitched seven solid innings, but received a no-decision for the fourth time in five starts.

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Nancy Horan's bestselling *Loving Frank*: A Novel has brought attention to the tourist destination in Spring Green, Wisc., which had a record attendance last season of about 28,500 people. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Travel

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## More than fish and chips

British restaurant scene becoming must-visit for foodie tourists

DOMINIC MIDGLEY  
Metro World News

There was a time when the UK was a great place to visit if you wanted to see wonderful art, fantastic theatre and fabulous countryside.

It was just the food that you had to eat while you were there that was likely to ruin your holiday.

Now all that has changed. Instead of being forced to make do with well-done steak and overcooked vegetables, today's tourists have a culinary treat in store.

For the British restaurant scene has been transformed by a new generation of chefs who have changed the way we eat.



Britain, once known for its low culinary standards, is now topping lists around the world.

The revolution was begun, perhaps predictably, by a small group of Frenchmen who arrived in the

Sixties and Seventies.

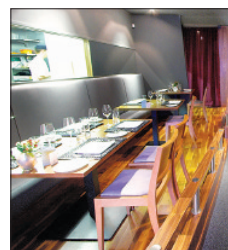
These included Albert and Michel Roux — who set up Le Gavroche and

The Waterside Inn respectively — and Raymond Blanc, the proprietor of Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons.

## Biking the Grand Canyon

A bicycle rental program has been added at Grand Canyon National Park. Visitors will be able to rent bicycles starting May 1 from the visitor centre through the fall season, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Guided tours also will be offered. Park Supt. Steve Martin says bicycling is a good way for visitors to experience the park's popular South Rim, which has bicycle-friendly infrastructure. Bicyclists won't have to contend with private vehicle traffic in some areas.

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U.K. fine dining is now the norm.

It's hard to overestimate quite how unsophisticated the British palate was in those days.

These days, the average Brit is not only familiar with spaghetti but knows their papardelle from their tortellini.

Indeed, the Brits have become so accomplished that they are exporting their expertise abroad. Including, to the horror of the establishment there, to France.

The French media were recently aghast to discover

## England's most popular

Fifteen

Chef Jamie Oliver (founder)  
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Style: Italian Mediterranean  
Signature dish: 'Brasato al Barolo' Buccleuch Estate shin of beef slow braised in red wine with sott'olio of Tropea onions, and artichokes  
mostarda di Cremona Rough Price: \$90 a head (evening tasting menu), \$40 a head (set lunch).

that the coolest chef role model among the young was no longer Escoffier but a scruffy young Englishman called Jamie Oliver.

His books, including one called *Tout le Monde Peut Cuisiner*, regularly top the bestseller lists.

As Gordon Ramsay once said: "Cooked well, British cooking is as good, if not better, than any other."



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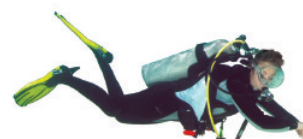
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**Research aims for steering with eyes**

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## The ultimate prize

The Tesla Roadster was offered as a prize on the Earth Day edition of The Price Is Right. The eco-friendly sports car was the most expensive giveaway ever on the TV show.

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## Ford's Super power

JIL MCINTOSH  
for Metro Canada

**Sometimes big just isn't big enough. Following the redesign of its F-150 pickup truck, Ford now unveils the all-new 2011 Super Duty, with new diesel and gasoline engines that deliver double-digit mileage improvement.**

The Super Duty comes as the F-250 and F-350 pickup; in pickup or chassis cab as the F-450; and as the chassis-cab-only F-550.

The new 6.2-litre gasoline engine produces 385 horsepower and 405 lb-ft of torque, versus the 300/365 of the outgoing 5.4-litre V8. The big news is the 6.7-litre Power Stroke turbodiesel, at 390 horses and a house-pulling 735 lb-ft of twist.

### 2011 Ford Super Duty

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- Big improvements in fuel economy
- Big-car smoothness

That's 85 lb-ft more than the previous 6.4-litre diesel, although General Motors has recently announced that its upcoming all-new diesel will make a segment-topping 765 lb-ft of torque.

The new Power Stroke is also Ford's first North American diesel designed and built in-house, following an acrimonious divorce

from previous engine supplier International.

Trucks this big are exempt from government fuel ratings, but Ford claims an improvement of 18 per cent better on diesel, and 15 per cent improvement on gasoline versus the old engines.

Using the vehicle's trip computer, and carrying four people and a 1,000-lb load, my diesel F-350 single-rear-wheel test truck registered the equivalent of 8.1 L/100 km (35 mpg) in mostly highway driving.

The fuel savings should help offset the diesel's hefty premium of \$9,950. Equipped with gasoline engines, and available in Regular, SuperCab and SuperCrew, the Super Duty's starting prices range from \$35,499 for a base Regular cab, to a high of \$59,599,



The 2011 Ford Super Duty

which gets you the F-450 dual-wheel SuperCrew.

The diesel is so quiet that it sounds like a gasoline engine, and the truck rides with big-car smoothness, even when there's no load in the bed.

Towing enhancements include trailer sway control,

integrated brake controller, a diesel engine brake, and hill start assist. Conventional towing maxes at 7,257 kg (16,000 lbs), while fifth-wheel goes up to 11,067 kg (24,400 lbs); a factory-installed optional fifth wheel/gooseneck package adds an additional cross-

member, laser-cut holes for the hitch, and a harness plug inside the bed.

The heavy-duty segment is small but vital, and buyers are looking for ability and economy.

With this new truck, Ford is coming to the job site with both.

## New designs on China

**AUTO SHOW** Nissan's Teana sedan has a full-size back seat, conservative looks and a reasonable price — just the thing for a Chinese entrepreneur with a family.

That Chinese buyer is why the car exists. Nissan says the Teana, though also sold in Japan and other countries, was created with China in mind — one of a growing number of models designed by global automakers for the world's biggest car market.

"The Teana is a Chinese product," said Nissan Motor Co.'s CEO, Carlos Ghosn, at the Beijing auto show. "Without any doubt, the Chinese consumer now is becoming a big target for a lot of products that we are developing."

China's car buyers have become an important force in the design decisions of automakers from Nissan to General Motors Co. to Volkswagen AG. Their influence is starting to be seen in vehicles sold worldwide.

The reason is obvious: China's auto market surged past the United States last year to become No. 1 at a time when sales elsewhere are so weak that major brands make most of their global profit in China.

"From volume cars to luxury cars, we can see that all carmakers are trying to de-



The Nissan Teana on display at the Beijing auto show.

**"From volume cars to luxury cars, we can see that all carmakers are trying to design cars to fit Chinese tastes."**

Analyst John Zeng

sign cars to fit Chinese tastes," said John Zeng, an analyst for IHS Global Insight.

China's growing influence echoes defining periods of expansion in the industry's history — from Europe to Detroit a century ago and the rise of Japan since the 1970s.

GM was a pioneer in designing for the Chinese market. Its Cadillac unit created its 2008 CTS for China, giving it a bigger back seat for Chinese buyers who sit in back while their chauffeur drives. That model was sold worldwide, so Cadillac customers everywhere got the added legroom.

Other producers are following. Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz debuted an extended E-class sedan for China at the Beijing auto show. Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo Cars and Volkswagen AG's Audi have created Chinese models with bigger back seats.

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Paramount is set to bring back J-Horror classic The Ring in 3-D, sky.com reported. While The Ring's American remake helped kickstart the Japanese remake craze there hasn't been a theatrically released U.S. Ring movie since 2005's lacklustre sequel. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Entertainment

## Blunt denial

Emily Blunt has revealed that she turned down a role in Captain America because she didn't want to commit to a franchise, femalefirst.co.uk reported.

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# Banking on the blockbuster

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

As we move towards summer, it seems summer moves closer to us — in terms of Hollywood anyway.

In anticipation of the blockbuster season, Hollywood is increasingly front-loading the summer with its bulkiest movies.

This year, studios are particularly pushing sequels, adaptations and remakes banking on recognized brands to bring bucks to the box office. Here are some of summer's most massive movies:

**Iron Man 2 (May 7):** The superhero blockbuster that kicked off the 2008 summer season returns

### Other notables

- MacGruber (May 21)
- Prince of Persia (May 28)
- Marmaduke (June 4)
- Despicable Me (July 9)
- Salt (July 23)
- The Expendables (Aug. 13)



and even the least comic-book savvy are getting excited to see the real man of steel.

**Robin Hood (May 14):** Ridley Scott re-teams with his Gladiator star Russell Crowe to re-imagine the classic story of one medieval man's quest to steal from the rich and give to the poor.

**Shrek Forever After (May 21):** Everyone's favourite lime-green ogre is back for a fourth flick ensuring Mike Myers will

be able to make his mortgage payments for another year.

**Sex and the City 2 (May 27):** Carrie Bradshaw and the ladies reunite but move the glamorous party from Manhattan to Abu Dhabi. Presumably, Detroit wasn't sexy enough.

**The A-Team (June 11):** There are no in-betweens: Either you are giddy as a schoolgirl or gagging at the thought of this remake of the campy '80s TV show that starred master

thespian Mr. T.

**Karate Kid (June 11):** Move over Ralph Macchio, Jaden Smith has come to town! In this remake of the 1984 classic, Will Smith's son stars as a martial arts prodigy to Jackie Chan.

**Toy Story 3 (June 18):** Buzz Lightyear, Woody and the rest of the toys find themselves in a day-care centre in this long-awaited third instalment to Pixar's hugely successful franchise.



Sex and the City 2, left, Iron Man 2, right, and Toy Story 3, above, are among the movie sequels that Hollywood studios are pushing during this summer's blockbuster season.



**Eclipse (June 30):** The third chapter in the beloved Twilight saga, this series has turned both vampires and Robert Pattinson into teen obsessions. Coincidence? I wonder.

**The Last Airbender (July 2):** After 2008's disappointing The Happening, M. Night Shyamalan has his work cut out for him. Perhaps this adaptation of Nickelodeon's Asian-influenced TV series is just the remedy for salvation.

**Predators (July 9):** A return to Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1987 thriller, this spooky sci-fi franchise gets a face-lift thanks to producer Robert Rodriguez (Sin City).

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**A** It's funny because I kind of lost interest in them for a while because it seemed like the



**A** Kill Bill was never an inspiration. The only reason why people say that is because we had the car that was used in the movie. We were meant to have a different car. But just a few days before the shoot, Quentin Tarantino offered to let us use the one from Kill Bill. The whole comparison was kind of a compliment but there's a lot more to say about that video than just the car.

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Iron Man 2 actress Scarlett Johansson — who plays secret agent Natalie Romanova in the forthcoming sequel — enjoyed getting the chance to play a strong female character and hopes the film is inspirational for young girls, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Ortiz comes out fighting

**TOO SOON?** A lawyer for Tito Ortiz, who was arrested for allegedly abusing his girlfriend, former adult film star Jenna Jameson, called a press conference yesterday to tell his client's side of the story, EOnline.com reports.

"Jenna has been fighting a battle with OxyContin addiction for the past year. For Tito and her family, this has been an uphill battle.

"Unfortunately ... she had a

relapse," the mixed-martial-arts fight-



er's attorney said.

Jenna fired back at the father of her children, saying that his allegations are "completely false," according to TMZ. Jameson's father called 911 yesterday, after Ortiz allegedly struck his daughter. She had "visible injuries" to her arm after the incident.

Ortiz has since been released on \$25,000 US bail.

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# Bret Michaels is still with us

**SO IS THAT ICKY FEELING FROM WATCHING ROCK OF LOVE** Bret Michaels continues to remain in critical condition after suffering a brain hemorrhage last Thursday, his rep tells UsMagazine.com.

"There's a rumour out there that Bret passed," says the rep.

"It isn't true."

Sharon Osbourne, Michaels' costar on NBC's



Celebrity Ap-

prentice, has known the former Poison front man, 47, for 30 years.

What's happened to him is "just hideous," she told UsMagazine.com Monday at the NBC Universal Summer Press Day in Pasadena, Calif.

"It's devastating, and it makes you feel all these different feelings. Your heart goes out to his family, your heart goes out to him. He's the nicest guy in the world."

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# Duff isn't dashing up the aisle

**SHE'S ONE CHILLED PUCK BUNNY** Hilary Duff may be a crazy fan when she's cheering for her hockey-player fiancé Mike



Comrie but when it comes to wedding planning, the actress is a lot more calm, people.com reports. "She's really relaxed and wants something comfortable and great," big sister Haylie Duff said Monday at the Tribeca

Film Festival premiere of the documentary Earth Made of Glass.

"She's just so excited to be engaged."

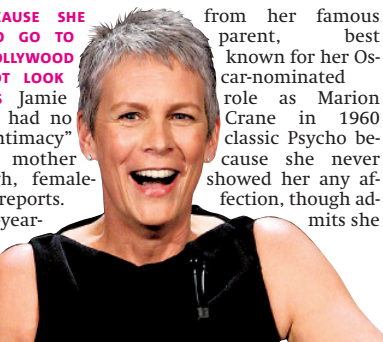
Comrie, 29, who plays for the Edmonton Oilers, proposed to Hilary, 22, over Christmas in Hawaii.

Four months later, she and her sister are still in the early stages of planning the nuptials.

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# Jamie Lee never felt the love from mom

**THAT'S BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO GO TO SWANKY HOLLYWOOD PARTIES NOT LOOK AFTER KIDS** Jamie Lee Curtis had no "real intimacy" with her mother Janet Leigh, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 51-year-old actress admits she felt distanced



from her famous parent, best known for her Oscar-nominated role as Marion Crane in 1960 classic Psycho because she never showed her any affection, though admits she

wasn't neglected.

She said: "She took good care of me — my needs were always met and she showed up to everything — but there was no real intimacy."

Despite their troubled relationship, Jamie admits she does miss her mother, who died of an inflammation of the blood vessels in 2004, and is often taken by surprise when feelings of loss hit.

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# Home is where the heart is

**HE HAS 11 DIFFERENT HOMES** Jesse James is home from rehab after a month in an Arizona facility, and according to Radar Online, he was spotted without his wedding ring on.

Those close to the Monster Garage host say he knows his time is up.

"Jesse is finally admitting to himself that he blew it," a source says.

"The marriage is over

and he only has himself to blame."

Though they'd been staying with estranged wife Sandra Bullock while he was in treatment, James' three children returned to his Southern California home to greet him.

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# She's fallen and can't get up

**LUCKILY SHE HAS LOTS OF BUILT-IN PADDING TO CUSHION HER FALL** Amy Winehouse

was hospitalized again recently after night out led to a nasty fall that caused damage to her ribs, forehead and recently augmented breasts,

according to the Sun.

"She'd had a few drinks. At first she thought she had broken something, so she got her security to take her to hospital," a source says.

"The doctors were worried she might be concussed because she had a big bump on her head and a cut above her eye."

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# Jackson splits up the kids

**SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO PROTECT MY INTERESTS, I MEAN, MICHAEL'S KIDS** Katherine Jackson has reportedly lost

patience with some of her grandchildren, moving them out of her California home, according to TMZ.

While she has custody of late son

Michael Jackson's three children, Katherine has arranged for Jacksons Jaafar, Jermaine, Donte and Randy Jr. to be moved to a condominium

owned by the family, according to the website. Sources claim the decision was prompted by Jaafar allegedly pointing a stun gun at Michael's children.

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# Dealing with family issues the old fashioned way

**IN COURT, LIKE EVERY GOOD HOLLYWOOD FAMILY SHOULD** Michael Lohan is convinced daughter Lindsay Lohan is in trouble, and his next step is to call child protection services on her over charges she's a dangerous influence for

younger sister Ali Lohan, he tells

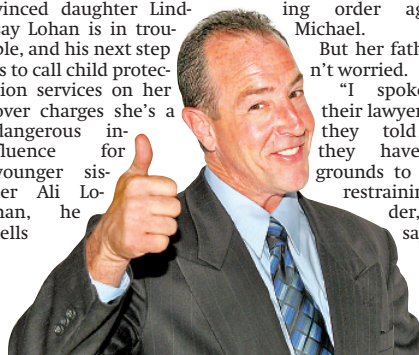
Hollyscoop.

Lindsay herself is allegedly readying a restraining order against Michael.

But her father isn't worried.

"I spoke to their lawyers and they told me they have no grounds to get a restraining order," he says.

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## CelebTweets

Today, **BILLY CORGAN** is fed up with Courtney Love, **COURTNEY LOVE** tries to play nice with Billy Corgan, **MARIAH CAREY** is having Twitter troubles, and **SPENCER PRATT** isn't pleased that Lauren Conrad is returning to The Hills.

@Billy if you can't write your own songs maybe you should just be happy that you fooled someone into doing your work for you. maybe you should go somewhere nice-live off your husband's money, u know the money he made for writing all those great songs.

@CourtneyLoveUK @billy all i am is nice about you so if you wanna be mean be mean i dont feel anything @MariahCarey Oh how i wish i remembered how to block haters...it just foils it for the real fans i wanna dm!

@spencerpratt @laurenconrad stop trying to get famous you haven't been relevant since laguna beach. You need ghost writers pretend you can spell or read.



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# One hot momma

**GETTIN' ALL GOOPY** Gwyneth Paltrow is looking to expand her brood.

"I would love to have another child at some point. I feel very, very lucky that I have two healthy, nice ones," she tells Ellen DeGeneres.

"They're great, they're so sweet," she says of her son and daughter, Moses and Apple, with Coldplay front-man Chris Martin.



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## Clarification

• Yesterday Metro ran a story about Melissa Smith, one of Jesse James' alleged mistresses, but the photo with the item was not of the Melissa Smith referred to in the story. Metro apologizes for the error.

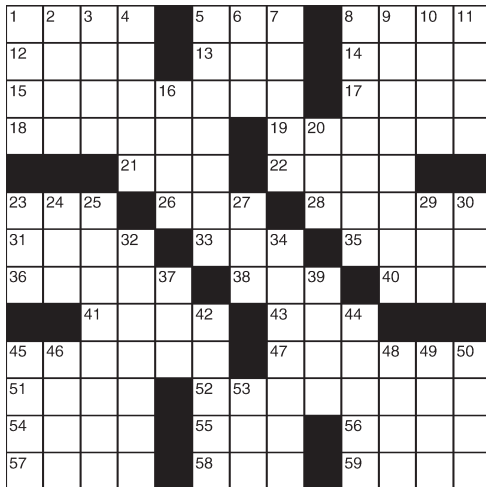




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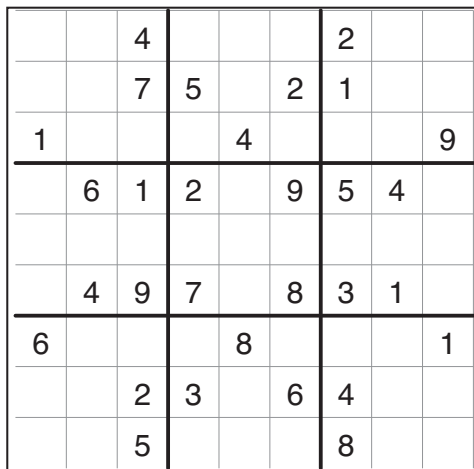
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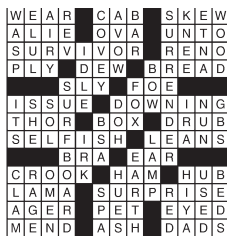
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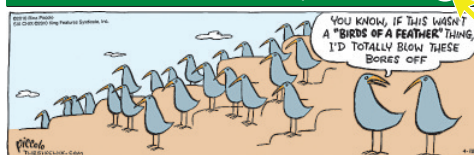
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## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Lentils and Sausage

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- 1 large potato, peeled and cubed
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp dried basil leaves
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

#### METHOD:

1. In large pot, bring beef

broth to boil over high heat. Stir in lentils. Lower heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes.

2. Add sausage, potato, onion, garlic, basil, salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until lentils and potato are tender.

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
The way you look at the world has been changing and today's full moon will make it easier for you to accept that things have changed.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
The next 24 hours will be critical for a relationship that has been going through a bad patch recently. Be honest about your feelings.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
If your instincts tell you to follow a certain course of action then that is what you must do. What other people think about it is of secondary importance.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Today's full moon in your sign is a powerful influence and one that has the potential to cause a great deal of disruption.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
What you are working on may be interesting but it is only a small part of the bigger picture, so raise your sights occasionally.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
The only reason you are worried about something is because you have no control over it. Accept that fact and stop fighting against it.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Today's full moon cuts across the most creative axis of your chart and will encourage you to embark on a brand new adventure.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Try not to waste your time and your energy arguing with people who don't share your values. Today you will not find common ground.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
You can learn a great deal from watching other people today, especially people you live with and work with.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
As the current full moon cuts across the home and career axis of your chart you will have to make room for both domestic and vocational aspirations.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
If you make an effort to talk to people today you will discover some interesting things, not only about them but also about yourself.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
You are a lot more sensitive than you like to admit but there will be no hiding your feelings today.

## This day in history

- 1792 — France invades the Austrian Netherlands (present day Belgium), beginning the French Revolutionary War.
- 1930 — The first night game in organized baseball history takes place in Independence, Kansas.
- 1945 — Benito Mussolini and his mistress Clara Petacci are executed by a firing squad consisting of members of the Italian resistance movement.
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